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SUBJ: LARGE JULY 4 TURNOUT: SIGN OF THE TIMES

1. THE FINE TURNOUT AT THE AMBASSADOR'S JULY 4 RECEPTION WAS REMARKABLE IN MANY RESPECTS. THE LARGE PRESENCE OF GOG OFFICIALS, PARLIAMENTARIANS AND PRIVATE GREEK CITIZENS WAS ESPECIALLY NOTE-WORTHY NOT ONLY BECUASE OF THE NUMBERS, BUT BECAUSE OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE GUESTS. ALTHOUGH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS ADHERED TO HIS PRACTICE OF NOT ATTENDING NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS (LAST YEAR WAS THE SINGLE EXCEPTION ON THE OCCASION OF THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL), ALMOST THE ENTIRE CABINET CAME, LED BY COORIDNATION MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS, FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS, AND DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF. A HOST OF IMPORTANT SUB-CABINET OFFICIALS, GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE ALSO PRESENT.

2. ADDITIONALLY, IN SPITE OF THE HOLIDAYS WHEN MANY GREEKS SEEK TO AVOID SUCH SOCIAL COMMITMENTS, THERE WERE MANY, MANY INFLUENTIAL FIGURES FROM THE NON-OFFICIAL COMMUNITY. MEN AND WOMEN FROM THE BUSINESS WORLD, THE PROFESSIONS AND THE CULTURAL WORLD, AS WELL AS FRIENDS FROM ALL SECTORS CAME TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO AMBASSADOR AND MRS. KUBISCH. PERHAPS MOST REMARKABLE WAS THAT FOR THE

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FIRST TIME (IN THIRTY YEARS, HE SAID) THE FAMED GREEK COMPOSER AND LEFTIST POLITICAL ACTIVIST, MIKIS THEODORAKIS, APPEARED PUBLICLY AT AN AMERICAN SOCIAL EVENT. EVEN THE USUALLY VITRIOLIC ATHENS PRESS HAD NOTHING BUT FLATTERING PRAISE FOR THE KUBISCHES AND THE RECEPTION.

3. COMMENT: WHILE MANY CAME TO PAY THEIR PERSONAL FAREWELLS TO

AMBASSADOR AND MRS. KUBISCH, THE SUCCESSFUL GATHERING WAS ALSO
INDICATIVE OF THE CHANGED ATTITUDES PREVAILING TOWARDS THE
UNITED STATES WITH THE COOLING OF POPULAR EMOTIONS SINCE THE 1974
CYPRUS INVASION AND THE ADVENT OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.
INDEED, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE EVENTS OF 1974 WE CONFRONTED
A WAVE OF NON-INVITED GREEKS ATTEMPTING TO WHEELDE INVITATIONS TO
THE JULY 4 RECEPTION.
KUBISCH

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